



Fairfield City 2010 Australia Day Community Awards



Nomination Guidelines

Background

An integral part of Australia Day celebrations is the presentation of awards to honour citizens' contributions to the community and to celebrate their achievements.

The awards are held by almost every local government area in NSW and are awarded concurrently with the Australian of the Year Awards.

The City of Fairfield has chosen to recognise the talents and achievements of its residents through three key awards: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Sports Achiever of the Year. All entrants will also be considered for an Australia Day medallion or certificate.

Eligibility

To be eligible to enter the Fairfield City Australia Day Community Awards for Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year and Sports Achiever of the Year, applicants must be Australian Citizens who live, study, work or participate in sporting life in the City of Fairfield. They must also participate in activities that have a positive impact on the City of Fairfield.

Previous Fairfield City Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year winners cannot be renominated for the same award. Elected members of Fairfield City Council are also ineligible, as are State and Federal Members of Parliament.

The Fairfield City Australia Day Community Awards are designed to honour local citizens who have shown a clear commitment to our local identity and an eagerness to contribute to the advancement and well being of the Fairfield City community.

Nominees must be of sound character and upstanding citizens, deserving of a Community Award.

Criteria for Citizen of the Year / Young Citizen of the Year

The person completing the nomination testifies by completing the form that the nominee is of solid character and an upstanding citizen who has contributed in at least one of the following:

- Significant involvement in the Fairfield City community
- Commitment to activities that have short and long term benefits to others
- Leadership or participation in Fairfield City community and voluntary activities
- Contribution towards improving the quality of life for others (eg: fulfilling a mentoring role for young people)
- Commitment to their family and local community
- Contribution to the advancement of multiculturalism in Fairfield City (eg. playing an active role in a local cultural community group, working to promote cultural harmony in the City, participating in the preservation and celebration of different cultures, displaying understanding and appreciation of other cultures)
- Achievements (eg. academic excellence...)

The nomination should where possible, directly relate to the criteria stipulated above.

Criteria for Sports Achiever of the Year

The Sports Achiever of the Year recognises a committed sportsperson, coach, administrator, mentor, volunteer or official whose actions inspire and encourage others while enriching the community through sport, healthy living, physical activity or the performing arts.

The person completing the nomination testifies by completing the form that the nominee is of solid character and an upstanding citizen who has contributed in at least one of the following:

- Achievement of personal sporting or physical activity goals and objectives, or positively contributed to an athlete's, sporting team's or club's goals and objectives
- Contribution towards improving the quality of life for others (eg. fulfilling a mentoring role for a young person or people)
- Commitment to sporting, physical activities or the performing arts that have short and long term benefits to others in the community (eg. coaching, mentoring or managing a sporting team)
- Participation in Fairfield City sporting or performing arts community
- Displayed the qualities of sportsmanship and a sense of fair play
- Achieved sporting excellence at a local, state, national or international level

The nomination should where possible, directly relate to the criteria stipulated above.

Conditions of Entry

Citizen of the Year / Young Citizen of the Year / Sports Achiever of the Year

1. Entry in the **Citizen of the Year Award** is free and open to all people aged above 25 years as of 26 January 2010.
2. Entry in the **Young Citizen of the Year Award** is free and open to all people aged between 14 and 25 years as of 26 January 2010.
3. Entry in the **Sports Achiever of the Year Award** is free and open to all people aged above 14 years as of 26 January 2010.
4. Nominees must be Australian Citizens and work, study, reside or participate in sporting life in the City of Fairfield.
5. People currently residing outside of Fairfield City temporarily, due to work or study commitments, are still eligible to enter.
6. Nominations may only be made on an official entry form. (Copies accepted).
7. Those selected as finalists should be available to attend the Fairfield City Australia Day Ceremony on **Monday 25 January 2010** (inability to attend does not disqualify entry).
8. Winners may be asked to make themselves available without cost for publicity purposes as required prior to and after the awards presentation.
9. Nomination information in relation to winners may be used for publicity purposes.
10. Winners may be asked to make themselves available without cost to attend engagements throughout 2010 (subject to their availability).
11. The decision of the Australia Day Community Awards Committee of Fairfield City Council is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
12. Nominations close at 4.30pm on **Thursday 19 November, 2009**.

How to Complete your Nomination

- Read the criteria and eligibility sections.
- Complete and sign the official Nomination Form.
- Prepare a brief summary of the nominee. Submissions can be hand written or typed.
- Nominations should, where possible, respond directly to the criteria for this award.
- Explain the achievement, the background and reason for the nomination.
- Enclose clear copies of any newspaper or magazine articles about the nominee and the achievements.
- List any other awards or certificates.
- Include any other relevant information or supporting documentation.
- The person completing the Nomination Form must seek support for the nominee from two Referees.
- The person completing the Nomination Form and the two Referees must all sign and date the declaration.

Note: Nominators and/or Referees may be contacted by Council to provide further information and verification on the person they have nominated.

